

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Maurice Morant,	)	C/A No. 0:10-2958-MBS-PJG
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	<b>REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION</b>
	)	
Robert Bollinger, Warden,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
	)	

The petitioner, Maurice Morant, proceeding *pro se*, brought this action seeking a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. On April 21, 2011, the respondent filed a motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 23.) By order of this court filed April 22, 2011, pursuant to Roseboro v. Garrison, 528 F.2d 309 (4th Cir. 1975), the petitioner was advised of the dismissal and summary judgment procedures and the possible consequences if he failed to respond adequately. (ECF No. 25.)

On June 1, 2011, the petitioner filed a motion for an extension of time to respond to the respondent's motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 32.) The court granted the petitioner's motion for extension by docket text order dated June 2, 2011. (ECF No. 33.)

The petitioner filed a second motion for an extension of time on June 30, 2011. (ECF No. 37.) The court granted this motion by docket text order dated July 1, 2011. (ECF No. 38.)

On August 15, 2011, the petitioner filed a third motion for an extension of time to respond to the respondent's motion. (ECF No. 41.) The court granted the petitioner's motion by docket text order dated August 17, 2011. (ECF No. 42.) In its order, the court specifically warned the petitioner

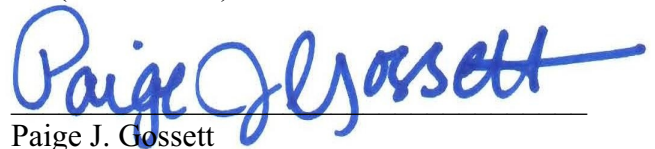
that if he failed to respond, this action would be recommended for dismissal for failure to prosecute.

See Davis v. Williams, 588 F.2d 69, 70 (4th Cir. 1978); Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b).

Despite his multiple extensions of time and notwithstanding the specific warning and instructions set forth in the court's Roseboro order and docket text orders, the petitioner failed to respond to the motion. Therefore, the petitioner meets all of the criteria for dismissal under Chandler Leasing Corp.v. Lopez, 669 F.2d 919 (4th Cir. 1982).<sup>1</sup>

### RECOMMENDATION

Accordingly, it is recommended that this action be dismissed with prejudice for lack of prosecution. See Davis, 558 F.2d at 70; Ballard v. Carlson, 882 F.2d 93, 95 (4th Cir. 1989) (stating that magistrate judge's prior explicit warning that a recommendation of dismissal would result from the petitioner failing to obey his order was proper grounds for the district court to dismiss the suit when the petitioner did not comply despite the warning), cert. denied sub nom, Ballard v. Volunteers of America, 493 U.S. 1084 (1990); Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). In light of the court's recommendation, the court further recommends that any pending motions (ECF No. 23) be terminated.



Paige J. Gossett

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

September 21, 2011  
Columbia, South Carolina

*The parties' attention is directed to the important notice on the next page.*

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<sup>1</sup>He is personally responsible for proceeding in a dilatory fashion, the respondent is suffering prejudice by continuing to have these claims clouding his career and continuing to incur legal expenses, and no sanctions appear to exist other than dismissal given the previous warnings and extensions provided. Lopez, 669 F.2d at 920.

### **Notice of Right to File Objections to Report and Recommendation**

The parties are advised that they may file specific written objections to this Report and Recommendation with the District Judge. Objections must specifically identify the portions of the Report and Recommendation to which objections are made and the basis for such objections. “[I]n the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’” Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 310 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note).

Specific written objections must be filed within fourteen (14) days of the date of service of this Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); see Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a), (d). Filing by mail pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5 may be accomplished by mailing objections to:

Larry W. Propes, Clerk  
United States District Court  
901 Richland Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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